

## House Republican Press Release

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### **Senator Freedman & Representative Tymniak Announce State Funds For Westport Wastewater Pollution Control Facility**



Senator Freedman and Representative Tymniak, who have worked with local and state officials to secure state funds for this project, said they are grateful to Governor M. Jodi Rell for her support. The state financing package approved by the State Bond Commission today involves a grant of \$8,214,369, a loan of \$29,308,869 and administrative costs of \$900,000.

“The last major upgrade and hydraulic expansion of the facility took place in 1974, therefore much of the plant’s equipment has reached or exceeded its useful life. The existing system does not have adequate capacity to handle future flows from the sewer service area. The upgrade will comply with pollution reduction requirements to ensure proper treatment efficiency, and will provide a long-term solution for treating and disposing of the community’s wastewater. It will also provide for nitrogen removal according to the nitrogen reduction goals set by the Nitrogen General Permit. I would like to thank Governor Rell for supporting our request for state bonding for this important Westport project,” said Senator Freedman.

“This funding will upgrade sewage treatment and help protect Long Island Sound, at the least cost to local property taxpayers. We are happy to see Governor Rell and the state Department of Environmental Protection recognizing Westport’s need to upgrade and expand the facility,” said Representative Tymniak

The project includes upgrading and expanding the existing wastewater pollution control facility and the hydraulic expansion of two pump stations.